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Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC)

Free Service for Nonprofits. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides nonprofit and government representatives with funding information at its Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). This computer center provides access to funding databases, as well as the Internet. Staff is available to provide information on additional resources. The GIRC is located at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 1130 North. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

Special Announcements

How to Get Started With Grants.gov. *Grants.gov*, the Federal Government's online clearinghouse of competitive grants, will host a web-based event on how register your organization, obtain a username and password, and apply to be an Authorized Organization Representative. There will also be a live Q&A session after the registration presentation to help answer all of your questions. This event will take place on February 9, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. EST. For further information, go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/assets/federalregisterV71N10.pdf>. To register, go to:
<http://w.on24.com/r.htm?e=20035&s=1&k=732CF615ADD264C9A43218EEF2984AE2>.

Call for Volunteers. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is seeking volunteers to serve as coaches for participants in its Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI). Qualified volunteers will have professional experience in the nonprofit, government, or business sectors and will be available to give overall guidance to an emerging nonprofit organization. Selected coaches will be required to meet with their designated SPI participant during four scheduled meetings between April and June 2006. In addition, coaches may provide counseling through one-on-one meetings or telephone calls. The application will be available during the week of February 6 at:

[http://opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,3,q,632656,opgdNav,33039\].asp](http://opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,3,q,632656,opgdNav,33039].asp). The deadline for applications is February 24, 2006. If you have questions about the program, contact Lisa Burford Hardmon at Lisa@LCB-Consulting.org.

LAST CALL. Mining for Gold – How to Read Foundation Tax Returns. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* will host an information session on how to read and understand foundation 990-PF forms. Kathy Jankowski, research director and publisher of GrantsDirect.com, will help you to understand how foundations operate by studying their gifts received, officers and directors, and the grants lists. It's not all about foundations giving to you; it's about you realizing how your organization intersects with their patterns of giving. The workshop will take place on February 13, 2006, from 10:00 a.m.-noon, at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 1117. To register, contact Dawn Mitchell at (202) 727-8900 or dawn.mitchell@dc.gov.

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LAST CALL. Sustainable Funding For Your Mission. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* will host a free introductory session facilitated by Raising More Money. The session will provide an overview of a system for building sustainable funding for the mission of organizations from individual donors; how to leave a legacy of mission-centered individual giving; how to continuously identify and introduce ideal donors to organizations; and how to personally cultivate people to become lifelong donors. The session will be held on February 15, 2006, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Room 1107-N, Washington, DC 20001. To RSVP your attendance, you must register at: <http://sforce.raisingmoremoney.com/intros/midatlantic.htm>, scroll down to this session, and select "Register". For further information, contact Camille Ball at Camille.ball@raisingmoremoney.com.

Federal Opportunities

Basic Center Program (BCP). *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to address runaway and homeless youth (up to age 18) problems. BCPs provide an alternative to involving the Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Act in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. Programs must provide a safe and appropriate shelter, and individual, family, and group counseling. Optional services that programs may provide are: street-based services; home-based services for families with youth at risk of separation from the family; drug abuse education and prevention services; and testing for sexually transmitted diseases. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, special district governments, nonprofit, faith-based, and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is March 28, 2006. Approximately \$14,505,009 is available to fund 114 awards, up to \$200,000. A match is required. For further information, go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-ACYF-CY-0063.html>. GrantID: GD966

Community-Based Abstinence Education Program. *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to develop and implement programs to educate young people and create an environment within communities that supports teen

decisions to postpone sexual activity until marriage. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, public housing authorities, private institutions of higher education, nonprofit, faith-based, and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is March 27, 2006. Approximately \$24,000,000 is available to fund 55 awards, ranging from \$250,000-\$600,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-ACYF-AE-0099.html>. GrantID: GD965

Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program. *Department of Education* announces funds to enhance school readiness of young children, particularly disadvantaged young children, and prevent them from encountering difficulties once they enter school, by improving the knowledge and skills of early childhood educators who work in communities that have high concentrations of children living in poverty. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit, faith-based organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is April 7, 2006. Approximately \$14,330,800 is available to fund 3 awards. A match is required. For further information, contact Julius Cotton at (202) 245-6140 or julius.cotton@ed.gov; or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=7835>. GrantID: GD963

Transition to Teaching Program. *Department of Education* announces funds to encourage (1) the development and expansion of alternative routes to full State teacher certification, as well as (2) the recruitment and retention of highly qualified mid-career professionals, recent college graduates who have not majored in education, and highly qualified paraprofessionals as teachers in high-need schools operated by high-need LEAs, including charter schools that operate as high-need LEAs. Eligible applicants include independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education, and for-profit

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organizations. The deadline for applications is March 20, 2006. Approximately \$5,000,000 is available to fund 17 awards. For further information, contact Thelma Leenhouts at (202) 260-0223 or transitiontoteaching@ed.gov; or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=7829>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, Select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply. GrantID: GD964

District Opportunities

Pre-Kindergarten Incentive Program. *Department of Human Services* announces funds to ensure that 3- and 4-year old District of Columbia children, currently deprived of child development and early education services receive in community-based settings, the same benefit of quality early education as their peers receive in public school pre-K classrooms. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is March 10, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. Approximately \$3,360,000 is available. The RFA will be released on February 13, 2006, and may be obtained from Ms. Priscilla Burnett, DHS Office of Grants Management, 64 New York Avenue, NE, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20002. DHS will host a Pre-Application Conference on February 23, 2006, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 901 G Street, NW, Auditorium A-5. For further information, go to: <http://www.opgd.dc.gov>. GrantID: GD959

AMENDMENT and Questions & Answers.
Unified Communications Center (UCC) Child Development Centers Operation. *Department of Human Services* announces an amendment to its RFA and the questions and answers from its January 13th Pre-Application Conference for this grant. The amendment and Q&As may be accessed from the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development's site – <http://opgd.dc.gov>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

Important Notification and Nonprofit Checklist Addendum. **National Capital Region Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program.** *Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice* announces an important notification and an addendum to its RFA. The notification and addendum for the nonprofit allocation checklist may

be accessed from the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development's site – <http://opgd.dc.gov>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

Department of Health, 2006 Ryan White Title II, Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA, Vocational Employment Training, February 13, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

Department of Human Service, Unified Communications Center (UCC) Child Development Center Operation, February 17, 2006, at 2:00 p.m.

DC Energy Office, District of Columbia Renewable Energy Demonstration Project (REDP), March 3, 2006.

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, National Capital Region Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program - Nonprofit Allocation, March 20, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

DC Public Schools, 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) FY 2006-2007, March 30, 2006, at 4:00 p.m.

Office of the Secretary, Escheated Estates Fund, March 31, June 30, September 29, and December 28, 2006.

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, Supplemental Educational Services Program FY 2006-2007, April 27, 2006, at 4:00 p.m.

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Foundation Opportunities

Community Organizing Support. *The Funding Exchange* provides support for a variety of issues, including, but not limited to: economic equity; cultural and media activism; environmental justice;

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social justice; anti-oppression; movement building; and international solidarity with progressive movements abroad. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2006. For further information, go to:

<http://www.fex.org/grantmaking.shtml>. GrantID: GD960

Health. *The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation* seeks to improve the quality of health care provided to patients from racial and ethnic backgrounds likely to experience disparities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is March 16, 2006.

Approximately \$5,000,000 is available to fund 25 awards, ranging from \$50,000-\$300,000. For further information, or go to:

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19505>. GrantID: GD961

National Wildlife Refuge Friends Group Grant

Program. *The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation* announces funds to support projects that fall within the following areas: start-up grants to assist starting refuge Friends organizations with formative and/or initial operational support; capacity building grants to strengthen the capacity of existing refuge Friends organizations to enable them to be more effective; and project-specific grants to assist organizations seeking support for a specific project. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is April 3, 2006. For further information, contact Lauren Madden at (202) 857-0166 or lauren.madden@nfwf.org; or go to: <http://www.nfwf.org/programs/nwrgp.cfm>. GrantID: GD962

Rediscovering the Anacostia River: Children and Youth Grant Program.

The Anacostia Waterfront Corporation and the DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation announce funds to connect children and youth (ages 5-24) to the Anacostia River. This connection can be made either physically, (i.e., bringing children out on the water to teach them to sail) or through programs that raise awareness of the Anacostia River and its historical significance. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is April 3, 2006. The Corporation and Trust will hold a joint Pre-Application Conference in early March. For

further details, contact Melissa McKnight at (202) 724-4462. Awards ranging from \$1,500-\$25,000 are available. For further information, contact Melissa McKnight at melissa.mcknight@dc.gov; or go to: <http://www.anacostiawaterfront.net>. GrantID: GD967

Resources & Announcements

Parental Information and Resource Centers

(PIRC) and the Carol M. White Physical

Education Program (PEP). *The U.S. Department of Education (DOE)* will conduct a technical assistance workshop for upcoming grant competitions on March 8, 2006, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009. Please register by March 6, 2006, to attend this free regional workshop. To register online, go to:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/regform.html>.

If you are unable to register online, please call (202) 219-1746 or 1-800-USA-LEARN to have a registration form faxed to you. For further information about the PIRC grant, go to:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/pirc/index.html>, or for

more information about the PEP grant, go to:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/whitephysed/index.html>

Previous Announcements

2006 John W. Gardner Leadership Award and the

Leadership IS Award. *Independent Sector* honors outstanding organizations for their leadership in investing in people of the independent sector as they work to build community. The award supports this important principle by acknowledging an organization that incorporates the development of future leaders in its policies and daily operations, and aims to recognize organizations that place an emphasis on internal leadership and staff, board, and volunteer development. To be eligible, an organization must be a nonprofit but need not be an Independent Sector member. The deadline for nominations is March 17, 2006. For further information, go to:

<http://www.independentsector.org/>.

Creating a Grantseeking Calendar.

Grant Station is offering a free exercise to assist organizations to create a calendar that builds a grantseeking schedule around a set of projects or programs previously identified by the organization. To create a

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grantseeking calendar for this calendar year, go through the following exercises and fill out the worksheets at the website listed below. This will help organizations to focus on grantseeking for 2006. This week Grant Station will cover information that organizations should gather and in what format. For further instructions, go to:

http://www.grantstation.com/Public/News_Views_px/trackstosuccess.html.

Fannie Mae Foundation Fellowship Program in Affordable Housing. *The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University* and the *Fannie Mae Foundation* are accepting applications to support the professional development of senior state and local government officials and nonprofit leaders committed to affordable housing in the U.S. The fellowship program will enhance the management and decision-making skills of accomplished leaders experienced in managing housing and community development programs. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2006. For further information, go to: http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org/grants/kennedy_school.shtml.

Giant Step Award to Recognize Achievements of School and Public Libraries. *Thomson Gale and School Library Journal* recognize outstanding school and public libraries that have made significant improvement or created new initiatives in programs and services that greatly impact student learning and development, or that enrich services in both the school and the community. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2006. For further information, go to: http://www.galeschools.com/grant_goldmine/giantaward/about_giant.htm.

Taking Control of Your Annual Fund Whitepaper. *Blackbaud* has published a free report to assist organizations with building donor loyalty. An annual fund can be the cornerstone of a successful fundraising program. If developed correctly, annual fund solicitations can improve an organization's annual fundraising results and help to identify those who are most likely to become your best planned gift and major gift prospects. To download a free copy of this report, go to: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/5002103/blackbaud/bb>.

Technology Program. *NP Online Action* is accepting applications to improve websites, online donations, software technology, and build networks within U.S.-based nonprofit organizations. For further information, go to: <http://www.charityadvantage.com/>.

Youth-Led Social Change Projects. *YouthActionNet* will present awards to youth leaders and emerging projects that promote social change and connect youth with local communities. To be eligible, youth-led projects should have clearly defined goals and the potential for growth or further replication. Final selections will be made following a peer-review process in which previous award winners select the next round of awardees. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2006. Award recipients will receive \$500 and will be eligible to participate in an international capacity-building workshop. For further information, go to: http://www.youthactionnet.org/yan_awards.

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